

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Social Welfare Department – Certain irregularities in disbursement of Post Matric Scholarships in the MVN & Y.V.N. Govt. Junior College, Agiripalli, Krishna District – Departmental action against Smt. A.Diamond, former Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nuzividu, Krishna District & District Social Welfare Officer (Retired) – Imposing the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 371

Dated: 19-5-2009
Read the following:-

- 1) Vigilance Report No.52, dt. 28-4-2005 from the GA (V&E) Department.
- 2) Govt. Memo.No.4442/SW.Ser.II(1)/2005-3, dt. 1-8-2005.
- 3) U.O.Note.No.3519/VC.II/2005-3, dt. 31-5-2006 from Higher Education (VC.II) Department.
- 4) From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad Letter No.J1/9674/2005, dt. 27-7-2007.
- 5) From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad Letter Rc.No.J1/9674/2005, dt. 17/12/2007.
- 6) G.O.Ms.No.10, SW (Ser.II) Deptt. Dt. 28-1-2008.
- 7) G.O.Rt.No.50, SW (Ser.II) Deptt. Dt. 28-1-2008.
- 8) Written Statement of defence dt. 14-3-2008 from Smt. A.Diamond, formerly ASWO, Nuzivedu, Krishna District and DSWO, West Godavari District, Eluru.
- 9) G.O.Rt.No.254, SW (Ser.II) Deptt. Dt. 3-4-2008.
- 10) G.O.Rt.No.255, SW (Ser.II) Deptt. Dt. 3-4-2008
- 11) Lr.Rc.No.2/2006/J.D (Scholarships)/2008, dt. 29-8-2008 from Sri A.Raghava Reddy, Joint Director (SW), O/o CSW & Enquiry Officer.
- 12) Govt. Memo.No.4442/SW.Ser.II(1)/2005-15, dt. 26-12-2008.
- 13) Explanation from Smt. A.Dimond, Retd. DSWO, Eluru, West Godavari District.
- 14) Letter No.4442/SW.Ser.II(1)/2005-16, dt. 13-3-2009
- 15) From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Lr.No.359/RT-I/3/2009, dt. 13-4-2009.

ORDER:

The Vigilance & Enforcement Officials have gathered information and conducted enquiry regarding distribution of Post Matric Scholarships during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 in MVN & YVN Government Junior College, Agiripalli, Krishna District and reported in the reference 1st read above that Sri Mahaboob Illahi Khan, Record Assistant misappropriated Post Matric Scholarship amounts to the tune of Rs. 22,145/- by submitting false acquittances with forged signatures to Social Welfare Departments and caused temporary misappropriation of

Rs.2,11,930/- and swindling of Rs.31,000/-. Sri N.Krishna Prasad, Principal, MVN & YVN Government Junior College, Agiripalli showed slack supervision in allowing Sri Mahaboob Illahi Khan, Record Assistant to commit irregularities causing loss to Government. Smt. A.Dimond, Asst. Social Welfare Officer & Smt. Aruna Kumari, Asst. Backward Class Welfare Officer, Nuzivedu, Krishna District exhibited negligence of duty which lead to misappropriation and falsification of documents and recommended to take disciplinary action against them.

2. After examination of the report of the Vigilance & Enforcement in the reference 1st read above and in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Welfare, the Government have framed articles of charges on Smt. A.Dimond, formerly Asst. Social Welfare Officer vide G.O. 7th read above and directed the Charged Officer to submit her explanation. The charged officer has submitted her explanation.

3. After examination of the Written Defence Statement of the Charged Officer it was considered that one Enquiry Officer should be appointed to enquire into the matter and in the G.O. 9th read above, Sri A.Raghava Reddy, Joint Director (SW), O/o Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad has been appointed as Enquiry Officer to conduct inquiry into the matter.

4. In the letter 11th read above, the Enquiry Officer submitted his Enquiry Report to the Government stating that out of 2 charges; one charge i.e. Smt. A.Dimond, the then Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nuzivedu, Krishna District failed to follow the procedure laid down in G.O.Ms.No.90, S.W. Deptt. dt. 30-7-2002 and also failed to verify the acquittance properly and check the misappropriation of Government funds by the college authorities is held proved.

5. The Government after careful examination of the Enquiry Report, provisionally decided to impose the punishment of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of one year on the Delinquent Officer Smt. A.Diamond, formerly Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nuzivedu, Krishna District & District Social Welfare Officer (Retd) as one of the charge is held proved against her; and she has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-4-2007 A.N. Accordingly, the Delinquent Officer has been issued a Show Cause Notice vide Memo. 12th read above with a direction to explain as to why the penalty of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of one year should not be imposed on her.

6. In response to the above Show Cause Notice, Smt. A.Diamond, formerly Asst. Social Welfare Officer & District Social Welfare Officer (Retired) has submitted her explanation in the reference 13th read above wherein she has stated that the disbursement of Post Matric Scholarships was not yet completed at the time of her visit to the MVN & YVN Government Junior College, Agiripalli, Krishna District and hence it was not possible to her to

verify the incomplete records during her tenure; and that she presumed that the Post Matric Scholarship amounts might have been received by the students promptly. She has further stated that recently she underwent surgery for tumor to her tongue and half of the tongue was removed due to that she could not able to eat and speak and requested the Government to drop the allegation leveled against her on humanitarian grounds.

7. The Government have examined the explanation submitted by the Delinquent Officer and observed that the explanation is not convincing. Therefore, the Government, after careful examination of the charges framed and the explanation of the individual, have decided to impose the penalty of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of one year on Smt. A.Diamond, formerly Asst. Social Welfare Officer & District Social Welfare Officer (Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. In the letter 14th read above, the A.P. Public Service Commission has been addressed in the matter for its concurrence. The APPSC vide its letter 15th read above has given its concurrence on the proposal of the Government. Therefore, Government hereby impose the penalty of 5% (five percent) cut in pension for a period of one year from the pension of Smt. A.Diamond, former Asst. Social Welfare Officer & District Social Welfare Officer (Retired).

9. The Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.NAGI REDDY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. A.Dimond, formerly Asst. Social Welfare Oficer, Nuzivedu, Krishna District & District Social Welfare Officer (Retired), West Godavari District C/o D.No.195, Mylavaram, Krishna District through the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh (A&E), Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant General (Pensions), O/o Accountant General, A.P.Hyderabad.

Copy to the Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Director General (V&E), BRK Buildings, 9th Floor, Tankbund Road, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER